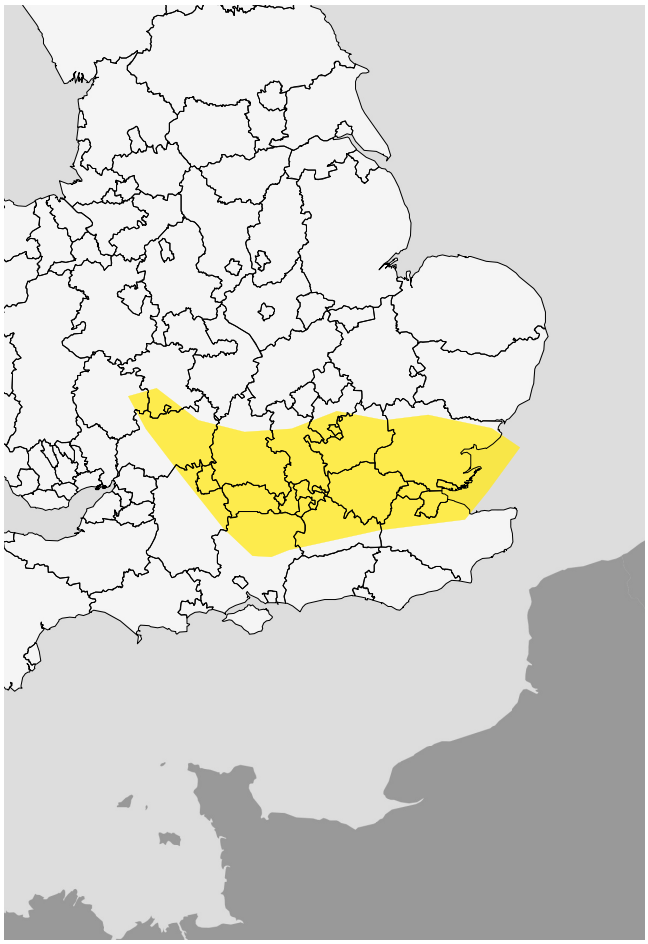
Yellow warning
Thunderstorm

Between
23:00 Wed 1 May 2024 and
10:00 Thu 2 May 2024



Thunderstorms are expected through the morning, before gradually clearing from the east. Some travel disruption and flooding possible.

What to expect

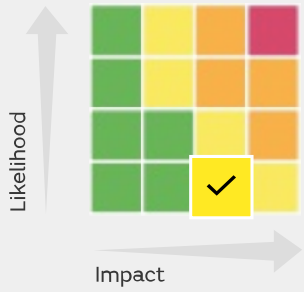
- There is a small chance that homes and businesses could be flooded quickly, with damage to some buildings from floodwater, lightning strikes, hail or strong winds
- Where flooding or lightning strikes occur, there is a chance of delays and some cancellations to train and bus services
- Spray and sudden flooding could lead to difficult driving conditions and some road closures
- There is a slight chance that power cuts could occur and other services to some homes and businesses could be lost

Further details

Thunderstorms are expected to move westwards across some parts this morning bringing spells of heavy rain accompanied by frequent lightning with potential for 15 to 25 mm of rain to fall in 1 or 2 hours in a few places. Hail and gusty winds may also affect a few spots.

What should I do?

Consider if your location is at risk of flash flooding. If so, consider preparing a flood plan and an emergency flood kit.



Very low likelihood of medium impacts

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Prepare to protect your property and people from injury. Before gusty winds arrive, check to ensure moveable objects or temporary structures are well secured. Items include; bins, garden furniture, trampolines, tents, gazebos, sheds, and fences.

Give yourself the best chance of avoiding delays by checking road conditions if driving, or bus and train timetables, amending your travel plans if necessary.

People cope better with power cuts when they have prepared for them in advance. It's easy to do; consider gathering torches and batteries, a mobile phone power pack and other essential items.

If you find yourself outside and hear thunder, protect yourself by finding a safe enclosed shelter (such as a car). Do not shelter under or near trees, or other structures which may be struck by lightning. If you are on an elevated area move to lower ground.

Be prepared for weather warnings to change quickly: when a weather warning is issued, the Met Office recommends staying up to date with the weather forecast in your area.

Reason for update

Updates to warning area as thunderstorms have now cleared Sussex and most of Kent. However, the warning end time has been extended as thunderstorms are expected to continue through the morning before gradually clearing westwards.

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All regions & authorities affected

East of England

Central Bedfordshire Essex Hertfordshire Luton Southend-on-Sea Thurrock

London & South East England

Bracknell Forest Buckinghamshire Greater London Hampshire Kent Medway Oxfordshire Reading Slough Surrey West Berkshire Windsor and Maidenhead Wokingham

South West England

Gloucestershire Swindon Wiltshire

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